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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on March 10, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the listing of claims is not in proper format because it does not include accurate status identifiers for claims 7-14, 16, 17, and 19-21 (these claims were withdrawn from consideration in the previous Office action, but the current status identifiers do not indicate the withdrawn status of these claims)(see the new 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective Jul 7 30, 2003). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adrienne C. Johnstone whose telephone number is (571)272-1218. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30AM-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571)272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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